



Crowing Times

Colorado Episcopal Cursillo

From the Lay Director . . .

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De Colores!

The Secretariat has had 2 meetings since our election in October. At our meeting in November we set the following goals:

Get one clergy member to attend a Cursillo weekend

Develop a plan for self sufficiency for the Cursillo movement in Colorado, to include a fund raising plan.

After much discussion, the Secretariat decided to postpone the May weekend until there could be some effort made to contact parish clergy and try to help them understand how Cursillo can be a positive force in their parishes. In addition, the Secretariat felt that there should be much emphasis this year on sponsor development. We believe that there is need for education for sponsors about how to select candidates and how to follow up with them.

We are working on finalizing a weekend Leaders Manual, thanks to much hard work done by Sue Richardson and the East Slope Servant Community. Because the editor has given me this space in the Crowing Times, I am now going to say something editorial.

FOURTH DAY FIRST!! Not only is this a title of a booklet in the NEC Library, it's how the Movement is structured. Sometimes we spend a whole year planning a weekend. We gather our teams and materials and pay attention to every detail. We work to make the weekends a joyful and, hopefully, educational experience. Candidates come to the weekends and sometimes find new relationships with God and each other. The booklet says:

“The *first* experience which most people have with Cursillo comes during their Three-day Weekend. For many it is a profound and profoundly joyful one. And by the third day all are exhausted, filled to the brim with rich and varied reactions to the spiritual message of the weekend.

It is not surprising, therefore, that many, perhaps the majority, will only vaguely hear and grasp the importance of the concepts delivered on the third day. These concepts, or more precisely tools, are intended to propel them into their Fourth Day, the beginning of the rest of their lives. But few will apprehend how significant the Group Reunion, Ultreya, Spiritual Direction, and the whole business of “Christian Community in Action” are, or how central a role they play in Cursillo taken as totality.”



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From the Editor . . .



Spring is springing, as my Grandma used to say, which means, in Estes Park, that it only snows every other day. Last week I was enjoying the beautiful weather in eastern Kansas with my son--they've got flowers and everything--and complaining about the mountains' lack of spring. He, a veteran of Kansas' blistering summers, said "Mom, in the Colorado mountains you have spring all summer long." Which is a great way to look at it.

Cursillo does that for me. The love, acceptance and joy I find at Cursillo keeps me going all year long, even when it's snowing every other day in my life. I hope that works for you too.

Keep Cursillo #123 in your thoughts. Plan to participate in some way by sponsoring candidates, working team, sending palanca, or, most importantly, praying.

Decolores,

Nancy Hause

Any ideas, suggestions, contributions to Crowing Times are most welcome. Send them to Nancy Hause, nrhause@msn.com 737 Sanborn Dr., Estes Park, 80517

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So without a way to sort through all that information and find ways to use it to "Change the world for Christ", the goal of Cursillo, Cursillistas are left with little support and direction toward this goal. The Movement provides structure for us with Group Reunions and Ultreyas. They help us both individually and collectively as we grow in our own relationship with Christ and as we try to live that relationship as an example to others.

You don't have to have attended a Cursillo weekend to be in a reunion group or have an ultreya. Look around your parish and find a couple of folks you'd like to spend some time with. Invite them to join you as you work on strengthening you own walk with Christ. Use the "card" to help you stay on track.

You'll soon find that you've built a way to persevere with encouragement from your group. You'll make deep friendships and gain companions as you go along on your walk with Jesus.

None of this is hard. It can only take an hour. Is that too much time to get stronger? Remember what the pilgrims say to each other to encourage them on their journey... Ultreya!!

In Christ

Martha Libby

From the Servant Community . . .

The Colorado Servant Communities exists for the purpose of providing the Colorado Cursillo movement with working servant leaders from our Cursillo community members.

The purpose of any Servant Community is to focus on helping the movement do its' work. The community here in Colorado has manned a table at the Diocesan Convention and participated in the preparation for the National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar last October in Colorado Springs. We provided host community members, supplies and services for the event.

In the days of e-mail and net meetings, it is easy to see that sometimes traditional notions need to be set aside for more manageable solutions. Our servant community will most likely be moving forward with an e-mail campaign to regroup and perhaps have a meeting in conjunction with, or soon after a Secretariat meeting or a weekend. Watch for an e-mail this summer!

All Cursillistas are welcome in a Servant Community.

Remember, Christ is counting on us!

Peace and Prayers

Sue Richardson

Eastern Slope Servant Community

Events Around the Diocese

Episcopal Relief and Development is Providing Emergency Assistance Following the Cyclone in Myanmar (Burma)

Episcopal Relief and Development is providing emergency assistance to communities in Burma affected by Cyclone Nargis. The storm, packing winds up to 120 miles per hour, swept through the country on Saturday, leaving at least 23,000 people dead and 41,000 people missing. The low-lying Irrawaddy Delta region suffered the most severe damage. The situation in Burma is dire. At best, the infrastructure in Burma is marginal and the storm has placed an unbearable strain on already limited services. Power outages and scattered debris across the country continue to hamper recovery efforts. Reports indicate that tens of thousands of homes were destroyed, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without shelter. The full extent of the damage throughout the country remains unclear due to poor communications and roads made impassable by the storm. In Rangoon, the capital, machete-wielding monks have taken to the streets to assist with clearing the wreckage. Working with our partner, the Anglican Church of Burma, Episcopal Relief and Development is sending funds to secure shelter, food water and other relief needs for people displaced by the Cyclone. As part of our long term strategy, we have been working for the past two years with five dioceses on economic development including agriculture, livestock, and micro-loans, clean water and education programs. "Episcopal Relief and Development's response to the cyclone will involve a long term recovery and rehabilitation strategy for affected areas in which the church has a presence," says Kirsten Laursen Muth, Senior Program Director for Asia and New Initiatives. "Our prayers are with the people of Burma at this very difficult time," she added. To help people affected by the cyclone in Burma, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development's "Myanmar & Cyclone Response Fund" online at <http://www.er-d.org>, or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development "Myanmar & Cyclone Response" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Arts Camp For Kids, June 16 - 20, St. Barnabas, Denver.

Early registration is encouraged for Arts Camp, a weeklong day camp for kids at St. Barnabas Church, 1280 Vine Street, starting Monday, June 16. The non- denominational camp is open to kids who have completed first through sixth grades. Professional artists help kids to examine, experiment and explore fresh ways to express peace. Activities include games, song, storytelling, movement and visual art. No prior art or camp experience is necessary. Cost is \$100 per child, including materials, games, lunch and popsicle breaks. Apply early for full and partial scholarships. Camp extends from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday, June 16-20. The experience concludes with a presentation on Sunday, June 22 at 9:30 a.m. Camp is limited to the first 20 children who register. For more information contact Jane Schmitz, education director, 303-388-6469 or jschmitz@stbdenver.org or go to www.stbdenver.org

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Episcopal Youth Event, July 8 - 13, San Antonio, TX

E.Y. E. (Episcopal Youth Event) is an International Triennial gathering for youth who have completed grades 9 - 12 and their sponsors. E.Y.E. is an event that celebrates the rich diversity of the Episcopal Church and aims to recognize and celebrate that diversity by increasing knowledge and understanding of all racial, ethnic, and cultural groups and socio- economic realities. The event aims to build and strengthen a sense of self-identity among participants, as well as Christian identity, in young people from all racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. E.Y.E. takes place July 8th through July 13th 2008 at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. It will include general sessions with speakers, as well as small group time, workshops, worship and plenty of free time with activities. The event starts on Tuesday July 8th with registration taking place between 2pm and 6pm. It ends on Sunday July 13th at 2pm. The cost is \$480 per person, excluding travel. Flights to San Antonio currently run around \$200. Included in the registration fee are room and board, program costs, ground transportation to and from San Antonio International Airport and a t-shirt. Rooms will be double occupancy with every two sleeping rooms sharing bathroom facilities. For more information and a registration form, go to the [Episcopal Youth Event page](#) on the diocesan web site

St. Paul's 15th Annual Day at the Opera Fundraiser, July 27, Beginning at 10:00 am, St. Paul's, Central City.

This annual event begins with Eucharist at St. Paul's, proceeds to a tasty home-cooked lunch, and then concludes with the 2:30 matinee of the Central City Opera, which this year is Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story. The fee for lunch is \$10, and discounted opera tickets range from \$47 - \$84 each. Reservations must be received by June 20. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Gordon Pierce at 303-278-4745.

Cursillo # 123—August 29-September 1



Cursillo 123 Reign in the Rockies

The next Front Range Colorado Episcopal Cursillo Weekend will be held August 29 through September 1, 2008. Since this is Labor Day Weekend, it will be held Friday through Monday.

The theme of Cursillo 123 (sounds like Cursillo for Dummies – 1..2..3..) will be **Reign in the Rockies**, and we are excited to be back at Highland Presbyterian Camp in Allenspark this year. This is a more rustic site, but offers a more secluded and peaceful setting for experiencing God’s reign in our lives. We are looking forward a great weekend in a beautiful mountain setting.

Start looking around your congregation for people who you think are ready for the Cursillo experience. Plan on sponsoring a new candidate or serving on our team. The cost of the weekend

will be \$150 for candidates and team. The sponsor portion of the candidate fee is \$110. If you don’t feel you can afford to sponsor someone pair up with other cursillistas or plan a Cursillo fundraising event. At our church we have developed a scholarship fund that we contribute to at regular Cursillo events.

Applications for team and candidates are available online at the CEC website: www.cocursillo.org. Please send applications to Terrie Abbot, 1811 Glenmere Blvd., Greeley, CO 80631.

Team meetings are scheduled for:
June 21
July 19
August 9

Please keep Cursillo 123, its team and candidates in your prayers.

De Colores,
Terrie & Stewart Abbot

From the Treasurer . . .

	12/31/2007	5/8/2008
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Checking	3,377.81	777.87
Money Market	2,587.94	4,869.17
Scholarship Fund	140	140
TOTAL ASSETS	6,105.75	5,787.04
 LIABILITIES		
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Grande Ultreya

June 27-28, 2008



Hosted by
The Right Reverend Robert O'Neill
Bishop
Diocese of Colorado

June 27 & 28, 2008

**Lord of the Mountain
Lutheran Church
Dillon, CO**

Come to Dillon!

Spend a day with Bishop O'Neill, and learn how to further live out the Cursillo mission and method in our lives, parishes, and our diocese. There will be music and worship and we will do breakout groups (table groups) and brainstorm ways that Cursillo can support the church and Diocese.

7:00—9:00 pm Friday night

8:30am-3:00pm Saturday

Anyone interested in participating on the Music Team, please contact Dee Settlemeyer at pakadee@live.com.



Address:

P.O. Box 1050
56 US Highway 6 & Evergreen Rd.
Dillon, CO 80435

Check this link for hotel/motel information in the Silverthorne/Dillon area.

<http://www.trails.com/all-hotels/city-hotel.asp?dest=co+silverthorne>

REGISTRATION FORM

Grande Ultreya

June 27-28, 2008

(One form per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration—\$10

Includes registration and lunch

**Please send Registration Form and
check payable to**

Colorado Episcopal Cursillo to:

Sharon Conrad, Treasurer

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2698 E. Yucatan Ct.

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2008 SECRETARIAT

Name	Position
Martha Libby	Lay Director
David Dooley	Asst. Lay Director, East
Tom Reyburn	Asst. Lay Director, West
TBD	Ultreya Coordinator
Holly Kuehn	Secretary
Sharon Conrad	Treasurer
John Mitchell	Palanca Coordinator
Berny Maly	Parish Rep Coordinator
Sean McGaughey	
Candyce Lowery	
Gloria Wooding	
Nancy Hause	Crowing Times
	Spiritual Advisor
	Spiritual Advisor

Future Secretariat Meeting Schedule

September 20, 2008, All Faiths in Vail